

I signed up for XM Satellite Radio because I was tired of how many local channels were owned by the same company or how they copied each others formats. The FM stations had become talk radio in the mornings and they all played the same 4 - 5 songs over and over. During a 30-40 min commute, I might get 1 song to listen to.

I truly enjoy XMs variety of stations. I might go an entire day before I hear the same song twice. If I get tired of listening to music, the news/business/sports channels keep me well informed.

There will always be innovation and advancement. It should not be the place of the government to stifle competition. If we let the NAB control who has access to the local markets, the local markets loose.

Did the FCC limit where cable companies could broadcast? Didn't they require that the satellite cable companies have access to local content?

Why should radio be different? I am paying for the service. If XM has the ability to broadcast localized content, I would like to hear it.

If the local stations are afraid of losing listeners to pay service, then there is a reason for it. Their content and quality are sub-standard. They need to invest in new technology and better content.

Sincerely,

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